

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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# Minutes

OF THE

## Twelfth Session

OF THE

# Walthall County Baptist Association



HELD WITH

TYLERTOWN CHURCH, OCT. 2, 3, 4, 1925.

Next Meeting: Lexie, Friday before first Sunday in October, 1926.

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# MINUTES

October 2, 1925.

The Walthall County Baptist Association convened with the Tylertown Baptist Church. After song service, conducted by D. N. Beard, and devotion, conducted by J. J. Mayfield, the body was announced in order for business by the Moderator, Rev. A. F. Davis.

A motion was offered by Rev. J. L. Price and seconded by Rev. W. A. Roper, that the reading of the church letters be dispensed with and a committee of Digest of Letters be appointed. The committeemen appointed consisted of Brethren W. B. Dunaway, E. C. Bennett and B. M. Pittman. Committee on Finance: J. E. and I. I. Pigott.

The roll of churches and their delegates were as follows:

Centerville—J. H. Stallings, R. S. Ginn, Claude Smith.

Crystal Springs—Mrs. J. D. Pittman, T. A. Pigott, W. A. Pigott, Rev. J. L. Price, Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Pigott.

Enon—W. B. Dunaway, Rev. J. A. Greene, J. D. Boyd.

Knox—H. L. Guy, Mrs. H. L. Guy, Dannie Magee, Mrs. Julia McKelvin.

Lexie—Rev. W. F. Hutson, George Smith Sr., Mrs. J. B. Hemphill, Miss Genevieve Smith.

Magee's Creek—E. C. Bennett, Maxie Walters, J. D. Thornhill, Sam McKenzie and sisters, M. J. Walters, Maude McKenzie, Lucy Bennett, J. M. Davis.

Mesa—Pastor V. C. Walker, W. J. O'Quin, E. R. O'Quin, W. W. Brumfield.

New Zion—Howell Fortenberry, Nolan Smith, T. C. Pigott, M. E. Pigott, Ard Wood, B. M. Pittman.

Salem—Z. C. Rushing, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Sandifer, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKenzie.

Smyrna—Mr. and Mrs. Carley Owens, M. M. Magee.

Tylertown—Pastor W. A. Roper, Rev. A. F. Davis, A. B. Harvey, V. M. Roby, J. C. Rimes, J. H. Crawford, L. A. Welch, C. I. Brumfield, J. E. Pigott, J. W. Sullivan, C. M. Davis, J. W. Holmes, J. D. Holmes.

Union—A. J. Commer and P. H. Sandifer.

Organization resulted in the present officers being re-elected: Rev. A. F. Davis, Moderator; Rev. D. N. Beard, Clerk, and Bro. J. D. Thornhill, Treasurer.

Committee on Order of Business—W. A. Roper, V. M. Roby and J. H. Crawford.

The associational sermon was here preached by Rev. V. C. Walker, using as scripture Gen. 28.

The Moderator here welcomed visitors from other bodies.

The Report on Missions was read by J. C. Rimes. Also, the Report on Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists was read by W. A. Roper. Adjourned for refreshments.

## Afternoon Session.

Re-assembled with song and prayer.

Dr. R. B. Gunter and Dr. J. R. Carter here spoke to the Association.

J. C. Rimes, B. M. Pittman and Rev. J. A. Greene also spoke to subject of Missions; and by motion the reports, as read before noon, were adopted.

## REPORT ON MISSIONS SUBMITTED TO THE WALTHALL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, IN SESSION AT TYLERTOWN, MISS., OCTOBER 2-3-4, 1925, BY J. C. RIMES.

"The act of sending, or state of being sent, with certain powers, especially to propagate religion, is defined as Missions. It is therefore Christianity in action. Missions is a principal and not a mere expression or word. Missions is a great fundamental fact, and when properly un-



destroyed and incorporated into the lives of men and women it will dominate their lives so as to give expression in service.

"To facilitate the handling of our Mission program, it has been divided into three departments—foreign, home, and state,—with efficient and capable officers in charge of the several departments. I cannot in this report begin to enumerate the activities or needs of these departments. For the past five years we have been operating under an organized effort known as the Seventy-five Million Campaign, and, while possibly it did not work out in every detail to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, I think it was one of the biggest successes we have ever attained. More real constructive work along all lines, including conversions both at home and abroad, was accomplished during these five years than we had done for twenty-five years previous; but unfortunately our boards overestimated the amount that would be paid in, and left us at the close of this period in debt.

"However, we should be encouraged to push forward, assuming our responsibility and grasping our wonderful opportunities to carry out the great commission of our Lord and Savior, doing this in the spirit of our Master whose mission on earth was to save and serve."

#### THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

"Too long we have depended on haphazard methods and spasmodic appeals by representatives of our various interests, which proved to be expensive and unsatisfactory.

"In 1919 we launched a five-year campaign known as the Seventy-five Million Campaign. At its conclusion we decided upon an annual program. This program provides that a goal shall be fixed each year both for state and South-wide objects, that an every-member canvass be made each fall in every church for pledges to take care of the work for the following year; the amount pledged to be divided on a percentage basis to each object fostered by Southern Baptists in proportion to relative needs.

In December last year Mississippi Baptists set their goal at \$700,000. Nine months have passed and less than \$150,000 have been collected.

"Our state mission work was projected upon a basis of \$88,000, and about \$25,000 has come in.

"Of our 1600 churches in Mississippi only about 400 made the canvass and took the pledges, amounting in the aggregate to \$400,000.

"It will thus be seen that ours is a critical situation which we must frankly face and to which we must give ourselves with faith and might.

"We would urge that every pledge be paid, that every Baptist that did not make a pledge make the largest possible cash offering, that each church put on the every-member canvass this fall and try to secure a pledge from every member.

"W. A. ROPER."

#### Saturday Morning Session.

Song service by choir, and devotion by Rev. J. L. Price.

A committee was appointed to confer with Dr. Gunter along mission work, consisting of Rev. J. L. Price, chairman, Rev. W. A. Roper and Sister K. C. Jones, all of Tylertown, Miss.

The Report on Publications was read and was spoken to by Revs. T. J. Moore, A. F. Davis and J. L. Price, then adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

"The only direct publication the Baptists have in Mississippi is The Baptist Record, the official organ of Mississippi Baptists, which should be in every Baptist home and read by every Baptist in Mississippi. Yet out of about approximately forty thousand members of our Baptist churches there are only about ten thousand homes that receive the weekly visit of this paper. This, we see, leaves some thirty thousand Baptist homes in Mississippi without any means of knowing what Mississippi



Baptists are doing. This is true because of all the multitudinous publications that go forth daily. The Baptist Record is the only one that ever proposes to publish an account of the work that is being done in Mississippi.

"We have in addition to the news of our convention work many articles written by our brethren on our vital doctrines, which is very instructive. These are easily worth the price of the paper for a year.

"Besides The Record we have The Home and Foreign Field and The Orphanage Gim, which every Baptist should read. But if for any reason these two last-named cannot be taken, The Baptist Record if read will keep anyone posted about all our work.

"The Baptist Book Store at Jackson, Mississippi, carries a full line of the very best religious books, and our people will be safe in buying from it.

"Respectfully submitted,

"Committee."

The Report on Christian Education was read by Rev. J. B. Hemphill and was spoken to by J. B. Hemphill, W. A. Roper, J. H. Crawford, J. H. Lewis. Adopted.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

"The most powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. Extensive and permanent conquest cannot be made for the Master without trained leadership, and the most far-reaching and tremendous force in the world which shapes the destinies of men and fixes the trend of human affairs is Christian Education, and our very principles lead us inevitably to an unwavering belief in universal education.

"Baptist democracy certainly means equal privileges for all on the basis that all are entitled to the best of which they are capable, simply because of the inherent rights which pertain to human beings. With Baptists, as with the Lord, there should be no respecter of persons.

"We call special attention to the schools of our state under the control of Baptists. These are our schools: Mississippi College, Clinton, our A-1 college for young men; Clark Memorial College, Newton, a junior college for both young men and young women; the Woman's College, at Hattiesburg, and Blue Mountain College, at Blue Mountain—both these schools are standard colleges for young women; Hillman College, a junior college for girls—not directly, but indirectly, under control of the Baptist denomination.

"Since practically all of the preparation for entrance into our colleges must be had in the public schools of the state, it would seem to be the part of wisdom for our people to see to it that only active Christian teachers are employed in our public schools. In our humble opinion there should be no doubt as to whether any person not an active Christian ought to teach in any school. Baptists pay a large part of the taxes of the state, and they have a perfect right to insist that the teachers' titigation of the character of each teacher employed. Your committee recommends to all trustees of public schools to make a thorough investigation should be of the highest type of Christian character. The committee

"We further believe that all our denominational interests, the vital interest of universal education and the best interest of the state will be best served by making our schools and colleges just as great and efficient as money and men and Baptist ideals of democracy can make them. Therefore, we call upon our people everywhere to pray for, to give to, and to send to these schools in ever-increasing numbers their sons and daughters.

"In presenting this report we are happy to chronicle another successful year for our colleges.

"Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HEMPHILL."

The Report on Ministerial Relief was read by W. J. O'Quin. Speakers: J. H. Lewis, W. A. Roper. Adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

"Your committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following:

"We believe that the minister who has come to his day of retirement, or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same is true of their widows.

"These men and women were faithful to God and His cause, and we should surely furnish them with what they so richly deserve.

"God has ordained that the preacher should live of the Gospel, and in my humble judgment it is no less true of the man who has worn himself out in the ministry.

"We note the new Relief and Annuity Board of the S. B. Convention, which is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done in our state, and is succeeding well. This board, besides providing a relief fund, has established an annuity fund. This fund embodies a contributory pension idea, which permits ministers, by making regular annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments, to provide in part for their own day and disability.

"It is well worth while for all our brethren in the ministry to investigate this annuity fund and see if it will not be of wisdom on their part to thus look after the future of their own households.

"Respectfully submitted,

W. J. O'QUIN."

The Report on Baptist Hospitals, by Dr. A. B. Harvey, was read. Speakers: W. A. Roper, T. J. Moore, J. L. Price and A. F. Davis. Adopted as read.

#### REPORT ON HOSPITALS.

"To Walthall County Baptist Association:

"Mississippi Baptists own one hospital in the state, the Baptist Hospital of Jackson, Mississippi, have an interest, together with Arkansas and Tennessee, in the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis. Both hospitals are standardized and in the hands of an efficient staff.

"The Baptist Memorial of Memphis has been opened since July 12, 1912. From that time more than 85,000 patients have been admitted. During 1924, 11,567 were admitted, and for the first six months of this year 5537.

"This year the administration has made many improvements in the way of beautifying the building and adding comfort to the patients. The condition of the charity patients has been greatly improved.

"The free service for the first six months of this year has amounted to \$64,023.41. The total amount expended in operating this hospital for the same length of time has been \$192,739.83.

"The training school had 57 graduates this past year—the largest class in the history of the school.

"The hospital has a pastor who has been administering to the patients for eight years.

"The Mississippi Baptist Hospital is in its fifteenth year of service and has developed into an institution which is a credit to the Christian organization which sponsors its cause. During the year 1924, 2119 patients were treated in this hospital; 283 were treated absolutely free, and 87 were part-pay patients. One out of every seven received treatment gratis. On cannot tell a free patient from a pay patient in this hospital; not even do the nurses know. The total cost of this free treatment was \$14,231.84.

"A new nurses' home, costing \$50,000, is near completion. Considerable new furniture throughout the hospital building has been added. A silent call system has been installed, also electric and heating systems.

"The training school for nurses is second to none. The professional training is of the very best. But in addition to this the nurses have a

Bible course one night each week, and another evening is given over to Y. W. A. work. Every graduate holds a diploma from our Sunday School Board.

"Plans are under way for a hospital pastor as soon as the nurses' home is completed.

"Both hospitals are making rapid progress, but still need our co-operation.

"Respectfully submitted,  
Adjourned for refreshments.

A. B. HARVEY, M. D."

#### Saturday Afternoon Session.

After song service and prayer, the Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. J. D. Pittman, and pending adoption was spoken to by Mrs. Pittman, also Brethren Price, Moore, Crawford and Mrs. Roper. Adopted as follows:

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

"Woman's place, according to the scriptures, is to be a helpmeet to man. In the missionary enterprise she has abundantly filled her place. Some forty years ago Woman's Work was in its infancy, very small and yet unorganized; but even then it was growing, shaping and forming itself in the hearts and minds of a few faithful women. Thirty-seven years ago it was formally organized as the W. M. U. There are now 10,646 Women's Missionary Societies and 12,191 W. M. U. organizations for the young people, with the gratifying total of 22,837, 3510 of which were formed this year, the gain over last year's total being 511.

"The W. M. U. of Mississippi is endeavoring to go forward under the watchword of the year, which is, 'Go ye into all the world, and ye shall be my witnesses.' The methods adopted for carrying out this endeavor are threefold:

"First: The Unified Program. Every organization is urged to accept the program as given out by the State Board to the individual church, and to see that all funds collected by the W. M. U. organizations are handled by the church treasurer.

"Second: The W. M. U. at its state meeting in April adopted the tithe as the minimum offering of each individual member.

"Third: The W. M. U. is making every effort to organize societies in our rural churches. To this end the State W. M. U. is endeavoring to secure the sum of \$600 promised by the Sunday School Board to the State, provided we raise an equal amount for this purpose.

"The W. M. U. asks the prayerful co-operation of the associations in carrying out these aims. One important change in the W. M. U. policy is that of making the fiscal year coincide with the calendar year. January is now the first month of our first quarter.

"As we face another year in our work for the Master, God grant that we may enter it with a faith to trust Him in everything. May we with open mind and purpose of heart 'Go forward' in the Kingdom work.

"Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. PITTMAN."

"Five meetings were held during the year. Attendance fairly good. All churches represented at the Rally except two. Collections, \$811.13. The auxiliaries assisted in these programs. The following officers have served for the year: Mrs. W. A. Roper, superintendent; Mrs. A. Jones, secretary; Mrs. D. M. Ginn, treasurer; Mrs. C. T. Corkern, mission study leader; Mrs. John Ratliff, personal service leader; Mrs. B. B. Holmes, young people's leader.

"Personal Service Report—Members 131, number reporting 112, unconverted reported 18, strangers visited 12, visits to sick 714, in interest of Kingdom work 47, garments made 159, hours of nursing 278.



"Gifts—Money \$396.55, clothing \$44.34, orphanage \$63.25, hospital \$23.55, scholarship fund \$6, trays 317, flowers 201.

"Treasurer's Report (Mrs. D. M. Ginn)—

1924—In treasury	\$ 6.16
1925—From rallies: Tylertown \$3.23, Mesa \$2.45, Lexie \$2.35, Smyrna \$1.75, Salem \$1.35	11.13
Total	\$17.29
Disbursed	3.45
Amount in treasury	\$13.84

The Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. F. M. Fortenberry. Adopted after having been spoken to by Brothers Moore, Roper and Price.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

"Our Baptist Orphanage located at Jackson, Miss., is meeting a great need in our state in caring for dependent and helpless children. For more than 25 years the Orphanage has been taking care of, educating and training dependent, neglected and helpless children, many of whom are the children of broken-down mothers and indigent and afflicted fathers.

"Our Orphanage has done a splendid work for more than eleven hundred of these helpless children, making it possible for them to escape much suffering that would necessarily have followed; developing the children under the wise management of the superintendent and helpers into good citizens and independent bread-winners; and has saved many homes from ultimate ruin by taking the children of helpless and afflicted parents for such a time as was necessary for these parents to regain their health and get on their feet and re-establish their homes and go on in the normal way.

"We feel that our Orphanage work is worthy as a Christian institution, and should elicit our interest, our prayers and our financial support. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and our employees there are dependent on the Baptists of Mississippi for money necessary for the up-keep of the home—for the feeding, clothing and schooling on an average of 175 children each year.

"We would recommend that the people of our Association continue their donations of money, clothing for boys and girls, groceries of all kinds, pencils, tablets, soap, bed linen, hose, shoes, plenty of syrup, and anything that can be used in the ordinary home for children.

"We would also suggest that our people watch out for the free cars and take advantage of them in sending in their box donations together with all kinds of farm produce.

"We learn from the management that the general health of the children has been good, and that the children are taking commendable interest in their mental and religious training.

"We commend our Orphanage to our people, and ask that we pray that the guiding and protecting hand of our Father be over the children and the management.

"F. M. FORTINBERRY."

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

"We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Lexie Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1926, and that Mrs. W. A. Roper be leader of Woman's Work, and that Rev. J. L. Price preach the associational sermon.—B. M. Pittman, Chairman."

By motion of Bro. Roper, Rev. J. B. Hemphill was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

# WALTHALL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Report of Treasurer, J. D. Thornhill, as follows:

Minute fund .....	\$71.25
Delegate to S. B. C. ....	41.00
From last report .....	12.25
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	\$124.50

Disbursed:

Minutes .....	\$62.25
Delegate to S. B. C. ....	41.00
To clerk .....	15.00
Other expenses .....	2.00
Balance on hand .....	4.25
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	\$124.50

Committee on Obituary reported as follows:

"Your committee finds that death has claimed thirteen of our members during the year:

"Crystal Springs—Mesdames Emmie Morris, Susan Fortenberry, MMinnie Morris.

"Enon—Felder Coon, J. H. Howell.

"Mesa—Dan Harvey.

"New Zion—Hue Ryals.

"Tylertown—Marvin Harvey.

"Union—Mrs. Lottie Toney, J. B. Payne, Rixie Brumfield, Mrs. R. E. Harvey, T. W. Harvey.

"The Committee."

Adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Sunday.

## Sunday Morning Service.

Song service conducted by T. B. Cleveland. After devotion, by Bro. Price, the Report on Sunday Schools, prepared by Rev. Greene, was read by Bro. Rimes. Also, the Report on Young People's Movement was read by Bro. Scott. They were adopted after having been spoken to by Brethren Rimes, W. I. Pigott, B. M. Pittman, C. T. Brumfield, W. W. Bullock, J. H. Crawford, Prof. Greene and W. A. Roper.

Committee on Digest of Letters reported as follows:

"All churches reported last year a total membership of 2893. For the year 1925 reports show 2977, an increase of 84 members. Valuations in church property same as last year. Total paid for missions this year \$5637.51. Total paid in for all other objects \$9286.37; making a total contribution of \$15,023.88. Pastors' salaries \$5884.50. Minutes fund \$86.50.

"All churches report Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 1046 members. Seven churches report B. Y. P. U.'s, with some 275 members. Seven churches report W. M. U.'s, with an enrollment of 165. Five S. B. classes with a membership of 108.

"From the reports, most churches seem to be doing fairly good work, with room for improvement.

"Your committee would stress the importance of the young people's organizations; for from among these we are looking and hoping for more and better-equipped workers in the Kingdom.

"Respectfully submitted, W. B. DUNAWAY, Chairman."

Committee on Finance reported as follows:

"Received from the churches for associational purposes \$76.50.—I. I. Pigott, J. E. Pigott, Committee."

Report on Law Enforcement was read by V. M. Roby. Same was adopted after having been spoken to by J. M. Alford, J. H. Crawford and O. D. Simmons. After discussion and adoption of above report, by motion the Clerk was authorized to have said report printed in the county papers instead of in minutes.

Report on Sunday School, by Rev. J. A. Green, was read by J. C. Rimes. Also, B. Y. P. U. Report, by H. A. Scott, was read and, after having been spoken to, was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"The Sunday School is God's virgin soil, from which is selected the true materials from which the Church of Christ is built. I like the name Sunday School, for it was the day on which Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, thus presenting Himself to His people as their Messiah in exact and impressive fulfillment of prophecy. I like the name Sunday School because it was the day of His Resurrection. A good day is a fine start for a great institution. As the disciples began carpeting the road with their outer garments, the multitudes followed this example, until the old world was athrob with a divine if but passing enthusiasm of his REAL but TEMPORARY Kingship. The Sunday School is the place to stamp divine truth on the will while it is plastic. The human will is hard to master, yet in the Christian the will must be more than mastered—it must be merged into the Will of God. This can be more effectively done by the Sunday School teacher in the primary department in youth than by the pastor in sermon or lecture in the more mature periods of after life. The true and wise teacher should make his teaching stress every phase of human conduct in life, laying a firm basic foundation for a God-like and spiritual character. We should not only insist upon spiritual regeneration alone, but we should emphasize good citizenship, patriotism, philanthropy, and power but of God. And the powers that be are ordained, are of God." "Let every soul be in subjection to the higher power; for there is no piety; with eternal vigilance against any violation of this holy day. (Man's Statutory Laws.)

Let us walk becomingly, as in the 'DAY'. All good government is of divine origin, but not every government measures up to the divine plan. Piety requires patriotism. And duty to God requires duty to our country as well as duty to our church. We had better speak words of praise to the teacher of good citizenship for his work among the youthful, than wield the sword of vengeance against a bad citizen. Conscience counts more in not breaking law than courts and legislation can ever cure. Then let the teacher educate, and through spiritual education comes regenerative ideas; then your pupils will, and only then, respect legislation. If we do not respect the Sabbath day, and the Sunday School, we will soon have no Sabbath day to respect. And no legislation is sufficiently able to enforce unregenerate men not to violate it.

"Let me go on record here saying emphatically, Let no unregenerate person under any condition teach any class, at any time. Just as well let aserpent feed your infant milk. Let the teacher clothe him or herself in true righteousness, walk becomingly. The habit of life must be honest, within and without. It must be infinitely above selfishness, free from the dominion of appetite. We must live at all times up to or far in advance of the human standards of the life lived today by the average Christian. Let us clothe ourselves in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us make His conduct and His character the habit of our lives. Then we will continually ascend daily to higher grounds.

- "1. Social etiquette is more a matter of spirit than of form.
- "2. Character is and must be the soul of courtesy and good behavior.
- "3. We must be approximately holy before we can behave well.
- "4. A correct life comes from a correct heart.
- "5. Do not educate the head at the expense of the heart.
- "6. Evolution as taught today is Devil-lution downward and no upward.
- "7. Let the Sunday School do her duty, and Evolution will get her death blow.

"J. A. GREEN."



## B. Y. P. U. REPORT.

"This report will set forth briefly some facts and figures, ideas and ideals, regarding the B. Y. P. U., the Training Department of our churches. Much has been said and much more is to be said on the subject, for no department of our denominational work has made such rapid advances, or promises so great a future, as does the B. Y. P. U. work. As we look back to ten years ago we see only 5490 B. Y. P. U.'s with a membership of 22,470 operating in the Southern Baptist Convention. In ten years we have grown to where we are able to report 17,739 B. Y. P. U.'s with an enrollment of 552,504, more than a half-million, and as a record of definite study by our young people with reference to our denominational life, church membership and B. Y. P. U. methods we gave out 94,500 B. Y. P. U. awards during the year 1924, whereas ten years ago we had a very simple course of study with a very few who seriously studied any book.

"The present plan of organization of the B. Y. P. U. makes it a definite training department of the church, taking in practically every member of the church. It therefore ceases to be an organization for a select few. The modern idea and ideal of the B. Y. P. U. finds expression in 'The General B. Y. P. U. Organization'. The General B. Y. P. U. Organization is very much like the Sunday School Organization, with a general director and other general officers, with a joint meeting each Sunday of all the B. Y. P. U.'s of the church in either an opening or closing exercise, with a general Standard of Excellence as a guide for the combined work of all unions in the church. Each department—Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult—continues to be a complete organization within itself, with its officers, committees, etc., and of course its own Standard of Excellence. We have splendid literature on the 'General B. Y. P. U. Organization', consisting of a book, 'A General B. Y. P. U. Organization', and tracts that may be had for the asking.

"The 'Associational B. Y. P. U.' still ranks as our best propagating agency. Through it we can reach every church in the Association for B. Y. P. U. work. No longer can it be said that only the city and town church can have a B. Y. P. U., for we find some of our best B. Y. P. U.'s in the far-removed country churches. Our record for Mississippi shows that 47 per cent of the B. Y. P. U.'s in the state are in rural churches (counting all villages of 1000 population and under as rural). Every church could and should have at least one B. Y. P. U., and most churches should have a fully graded department including the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Unions. The B. Y. P. U. can be organized in any church where there is ONE person who is willing to study and learn the work, and then willing to stick by the job.

"We recommend that every church in our Association undertake the organization of a B. Y. P. U. If you think you need help, write Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss., State Secretary, who will be glad to help any church to get started in the work.

"H. A. SCOTT."

By motion the Clerk was authorized to have minutes printed and distributed, and that he be allowed \$15 for his services, and that he be (and is hereby) instructed to draw on treasury for above-mentioned.

In behalf of the churches composing the Association, also the visitors of said body, the Clerk takes this method of extending thanks to the people of Tylertown Church and community for the splendid hospitality shown us while we were their guests. May the blessings of God continue to rest upon you.

Respectfully,

D. N. BEARD.

The business of the Association now being completed, the closing prayer was offered and the Association adjourned to meet with Lexie Baptist Church on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1926.

REV. A. F. DAVIS, Moderator.

REV. D. N. BEARD, Clerk.

## SPECIAL DIGEST OF TABULATIONS—B. Y. P. U.

Crystal Springs, 3—Mary Barnes, President Seniors, 25 members; Elizabeth Anderson president Intermediates, 24 members; Mrs. P. A. Magee president Juniors, 20 members.

Enon, 1—H. J. Bearden president Seniors, 32 members.

Lexie, 3—Fleet Cutrer president Seniors, 23 members, 5 study courses, 80 per cent Bible readers, 2 systematic givers; Iska Holmes president Intermediates, 15 members, 80 per cent Bible readers; Renan Bateman president Juniors, 10 members, 10 study courses.

Mesa, 1—Henry Johnson president.

New Zion, 1—Lampton Davis president Seniors, 21 members, 7 study courses.

Salem, 2—Marvin Rushing president Intermediates, 12 members, 10 Bible readers; Clinton Grubbs president Juniors, total contributions \$5.00.

Tylertown, 3—Nell Cotten president Seniors, 24 members, 8 Bible readers, 6 systematic givers; Roy Stringer president Intermediates, 24 members, 3 study courses, 7 Bible readers, 10 systematic givers; Velma Scott president Juniors, 30 members, 6 Bible readers, 4 systematic givers.

## W. M. U.

Crystal Springs—Mrs. J. D. Pittman president, 23 members, gifts to missions and benevolences \$31.75, 12 in mission study class; Mrs. C. A. Patten president S. B.

Enon—Mrs. D. L. Wallace president, 25 members; to special benevolences \$33.00.

Lexie—Mrs. J. B. Hemphill president, 15 members; to local church work \$168.50, missions and benevolences \$63; Mrs. O. O. Holmes president S. B.

Mesa—Mrs. W. F. Simmons president, 14 members; \$117.20 contributed.

New Zion—Miss Net Fortenberry president, 20 members; Mrs. J. R. Harris president S. B., 45 members; 30 articles furnished needy; 8 subscribers to R. S.; total contributions of \$194.26.

Salem—Mrs. C. N. Marbury president, 30 members; Mrs. D. W. Boyd president S. B., 18 members; \$4.32 contributed.

Tylertown—MMrs. T. T. Conerly president, 38 members; local gifts \$104.60, to missions and benevolences \$1010.28; total gifts \$1145.28; 8 in mission study; Mrs. Wilbur Bullock president S. B.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Churches	Superintendent	Secretary	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Centerville	(Not given)	(Not given)		82	60
Crystal Springs	I. I. Pigott, Tylertown	Miss Dixie Reagan, Tylertown		119	
Enon	W. H. Robrets, Verna	Miss Addie Lee Gullledge, Jayess	9	150	98
Knox	H. L. Guy, Tylertown	Miss Wilda Brumfield, Tylertown	4	40	
Lexie	H. W. Smith, Lexie	Miss Maggie Smith, Lexie	11	64	
Magee's Creek	J. D. Thornhill, Tylertown	Miss Neva Magee, Kokomo	7	72	
Mesa	J. H. Crawford, Tylertown	Mrs. W. D. Dier, Mesa	5	55	35
New Zion	M. E. Pigott, Tylertown	Lampton Davis, Tylertown	11	113	66
Salem	Z. C. Rushing, Tylertown	(Not given)	9	154	
Smyrna	J. D. Bearden, Holmesville	Miss Myrtle Bullock, Tylertown	5		
Tylertown	J. C. Rimes, Tylertown	C. E. Yarborough, Tylertown	17	313	
Union	J. N. Grubbs, Tylertown	Morris F. Martin, Tylertown	8	94	



## HISTORICAL

Time	Place	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Preacher
1914—	Tylertown	J. B. Quin	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	Organization
1915—	Crystal Springs	J. B. Quin	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	J. B. Quin
1916—	Salem	J. B. Quin	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	W. A. Murray
1917—	Centerville	A. F. Davis	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	T. J. Moore
1918—	Knox	A. F. Davis	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	W. A. Murray
1919—	Enon	A. F. Davis	W. B. Dunaway	J. D. Thornhill	P. I. Lipsey
1920—	Mesa	A. F. Davis	W. B. Dunaway	J. D. Thornhill	J. B. Quin
1921—	New Zion	A. F. Davis	W. B. Dunaway	J. D. Thornhill	A. F. Davis
1922—	Smyrna	A. F. Davis	D. N. Beard	J. D. Thornhill	W. A. Roper
1923—	Magee's Creek	A. F. Davis	D. N. Beard	J. D. Thornhill	C. T. Corkern
1924—	Union	A. F. Davis	D. N. Beard	J. D. Thornhill	J. A. Greene
1925—	Tylertown	A. F. Davis	D. N. Beard	J. D. Thornhill	V. C. Walker

